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SUBJ: FISHERY LICENSING PROBLEMS

REF: MEXICO 1706, STATE 041268

PASS TO NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE

1. DUE TO ILLNESS OF AMIN ZARUR, CHIEF OF MEXICAN FISHERIES
OFFICE, SAN DIEGO, MEETING WITH GOM SUBSECRETARY FOR FISHERIES
WAS DELAYED UNTIL THURSDAY, MARCH 22. FISHERIES ATTACHE MET
WITH SUBSECRETARY MEDINA NERI AND ZARUR TODAY, WITH FOLLOW-
ING RESULTS:

(A) ALTHOUGH COPY OF PROPOSED AIDE MEMOIRE TO FONOFF WAS
SHOWN TO MEDINA NERI, HE EXPRESSED STRONG FEELING THAT PROBLEMS
COULD EASILY BE WORKED OUT WITH HIM AND HIS STAFF ON INFORMAL
BASIS, AND THAT THERE WAS NO NEED TO INVOLVE FONOFF.

(B) ON RADIO RENEWALS, SUBSECRETARY STATED HE HAD NO OBJECT-
IONS, HE HAD TALKED WITH BOTH NAVY AND TREASURY, AND EXPECTED
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THEIR CONCURRENCE WITHIN SEVERAL DAYS.

(C) ON MATTER OF ELIGIBLE VESSELS, MEDINA NERI ACCEPTED "FIRST COME FIRST SERVED" PROPOSAL, WITH NEWLY CONSTRUCTED VESSELS STARTED BEFORE NEW RULES WERE ANNOUNCED TO BE TREATED ON SAME BASIS, I. E. FIRST COME FIRST SERVED. LIMITATION OF 151 LICENSED BOATS AND 5,164 TONS, ARRIVED AT FROM 1971 LIST, STILL APPLIES. ZARUR EXPRESSED OPINION THAT IT IS UNLIKELY THAT EITHER OF THESE TOTALS WILL BE REACHED IN 1973.

(D) ON "SUPER PERMISSIONAIRE" QUESTION, MEDINA NERI EMPHASIZED THAT DETAILS OF SETTING THIS ORGANIZATION UP ARE RESPONSIBILITY OF U. S. AND NOT MEXICO. BOTH HE AND ZARUR STATED THERE IS NO INTENTION OR DESIRE TO ELIMINATE OR IN ANY WAY INTERFERE WITH TWO EXISTING PERMISSIONAIRES. BOTH AGREED THAT FROM GOM' S STANDPOINT NEW ORGANIZATION CAN BE PURELY ON PAPER, WITH ONLY SUCH FORMALITIES AS U. S. MAY DEEM NECESSARY. SUGGESTED, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT NEW ORGANIZATION COULD BE CALLED "LOWER CALIFORNIA FISHERIES ASSOCIATION AND FISHERMEN' S COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION UNITED", WITH PRESIDENT FROM ONE GROUP AND VICE- PRESIDENT FROM OTHER. EACH GROUP WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN BOATS. ZARUR SAID HE IS STILL WAITING FOR INFORMATION FROM U. S. INDUSTRY AS TO NAME OF NEW ORGANIZATION IN ORDER THAT "SUPER LICENSE" CAN BE ISSUED. EMBASSY SUGGESTS INDUSTRY BE URGED TO ACCOMPLISH THIS ASAP.

(E) REGARDING BAITING IN MAGDALENA BAY AND SAN QUINTIN, ZARUR STATED INDUSTRY HAD ADVISED HIM SOME TIME AGO THAT THEIR INTEREST WAS IN ANCHOVY AND NOT RPT NOT SARDINES. MEDINA NERI, WITH CONCURRENCE OF ZARUR, AUTHORIZED BAIT FISHING FOR ANCHOVY IN THESE TWO AREAS.

2. EMBASSY WILL FOLLOW UP ON RADIO RENEWAL QUESTION AND REPORT WHEN FIRM ANSWER RECEIVED.

3. COMMENT. IN VIEW MEDINA NERI STATEMENTS, EMBASSY PROPOSES TO WITHHOLD ACTION ON DELIVERY OF AID MEMOIRE UNTIL WE CAN ASSESS POSSIBILITY OF WORKING OUT PROBLEMS WITH MEDINA NERI AND HIS STAFF ON INFORMAL BASIS.
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